international tourism fairs and festivals to attract tourists.

Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

*414. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Committees/ Commissions appointed by Government to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the main conclusions thereof;

(b) whether the Late Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai declared that Government would appoint another Commission of Inquiry as the conclusions of the earlier Commissions are not acceptable to Government; and

(c) whether it is proposed to honour the commitment of the former Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Government had appointed the following two Commissions/ Committees:—

(i) An Inquiry Committee consisting of S/Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Suresh Chandra Bose, and S.N. Maitra, was appointed in April, 1956 to ascertain the circumstance relating to Netaji's alleged death in an air crash.

(ii) A Commission of Inquiry was appointed in July, 1970, namely 'Khosla Commission' under the Chairmanship of Retd. Chief Justice of Punjab High Court, Shri G.D. Khosla.

Both the Shah Nawaz Committee/ Khosla Commission came to the conclusion that Netaji died in an air-crash at Taihoku on 18th August, 1945.

(b) and (c) Shri Morarji Desai in a detailed statement in the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978, had, infact, stated that while reasonable doubts have been cast on the, correctness of the conclusions reached in the two reports and various important contradictions in the testimony of witnesses have been noticed, yet no useful purpose would be served by having any further inquiry.

Redefining NEC

*415. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for redefining the North Eastern Council for the region's infrastructure equalisation plan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what is the use of continuing the present working of North Eastern Council for bringing up the balanced growth of the region to the national level?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government have a proposal for restructuring the North Eastern Council.

(b) No time-frame can be given. However, it is proposed to introduce the Bill in Parliament after it is approved by the Cabinet.

(c) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Uranium

*416. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smugglers trying to send Uranium to Pakistan have been caught in June, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how ordinary citizens get more than one kilo of Uranium; and

(d) the action proposed to restrict its sale?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Government has no information regarding attempts by smugglers to send Uranium to Pakistan. In an incident, on